

REMARKS

All issues raised in the Office Communication mailed November 19, 2008 are addressed hereinafter.

I. ISSUES NOT RELATING TO PRIOR ART

A. CLAIMS 14-15 AND 17-23 -- 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 14-15 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants believe that the objection is fully addressed by amended paragraphs [67]-[68] of the specification.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

B. COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants disagree with the statement of reasons for allowance to the extent they constitute anything other than a restatement of the claims.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A petition for an extension of time is hereby made to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any applicable fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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